



Skipton Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Skipton Town Council held by a remote platform on Thursday 15th October 2020 at 7.00pm

Those Present:

Chairman: Councillor P Madeley (retiring Mayor)
Councillors: Councillor T Barrett, Councillor G Bell, Councillor S Bentley, Councillor J Dawson, Councillor W Feather, Councillor R Hesletine, Councillor A Hickman, Councillor E Jaquin, Councillor R Judge, Councillor R Mahmood, Councillor K McIntyre, Councillor C Nash, Councillor D Painter, Councillor D Shaw & Councillor A Solloway.
Officers: Mrs L Close (Acting Chief Officer) & Mrs J Dean, Acting Administration and Member services manager
Also Present: 6 members of the public

2021/001

ITEM 1 – Election of Town Mayor (Chairman of the Council)

Proposed by Councillor Madeley

Seconded by Councillor E Jaquin

RESOLVED that Councillor K McIntyre is elected Mayor of Skipton Town Council (Chairman of the Council) and the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance would be completed and witnessed by the Clerk within the statutory 14 day period. *(Unanimous)*

2021/002

ITEM 2 – To receive the Retiring Mayor's comments

Eighteen months ago I became Mayor of Skipton, the greatest honour of my life. It has been a privilege to serve this town. During this period the overwhelming concern has been Covid: the people who have died, those who have been ill and those who still are ill; friends and relatives who cannot see their loved ones; and the many who are losing their jobs. We have become a lonely nation and my heart goes out to all. Throughout the pandemic, I have seen the people of Skipton pull together and look after the most vulnerable in our town.

Yet at the same time, over the past 6 years in fact, serious questions of governance have been raised at town hall. Tens of thousands of pounds have been spent on investigations. The outcome is that we have not been doing what is expected of us and there has been a breakdown of trust between councillors and staff. In principle, councillors make policy and officers try to make these policies work. It's all down to partnership. Councillors' political ties should not come first.

We need a new way forward to make sure that the problems of the past are not repeated. We need to be open, accountable and objective. And where we have failed we must acknowledge our failures, so that we can all feel better and stronger, which is what the town deserves. We can and we will do better. We have to work as a team, giving those living here in this superb town the future they deserve

2021/003

ITEM 3 – To receive the newly elected Mayor's comments

2021/004

ITEM 4 – To accept representations from the public

A member of the public wished to discuss a confidential matter regarding a member of staff. The Clerk advised that confidential matters would not be discussed in a public forum and the Town Council had a duty of care to all members of staff, both past and present. The member of public was asked to review his comments and he would be invited to speak at a later point of the meeting.

2021/005

ITEM 5 – To accept apologies for absence

All present

2021/006

ITEM 6 – Declarations of Interest

None declared

2021/007

ITEM 7 – Dispensations Requests

None received

Councillor P Madeley, through the Chair, requested Item 16 was moved to this part of the meeting and discussed. He advised that the Standing Orders had not been circulated with the agenda papers and submitted a proposal for them to be suspended. It was discussed that the documents would be revised and circulated and reviewed for adoption at the next meeting.

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley

Seconded by Councillor K McIntyre

RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended, reviewed and brought back to the next council for adoption.

2021/008

ITEM 8 – Election of Deputy Mayor (Vice Chairman of the Council)

Proposed by Councillor K McIntyre

Seconded by Councillor P Madeley

RESOLVED that Councillor D Shaw be elected Deputy Mayor (Vice Chairman of the Council) *(8 votes in favour)*

2021/009

ITEM 9 – Minutes of the last meeting

Proposed by Councillor A Hickman

Seconded by Councillor D Shaw

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary full council meeting held on Wednesday 12th August 2020 and the minutes of the full council meeting held on Thursday 13th August 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record. *(Unanimous)*

2021/010

ITEM 10 – Report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from members and the Acting Chief Officer

Councillor Nash advised the meeting that a report had been prepared in relation to a complaint of Election irregularities. Following on from the

advice given by the officer it was all agreed this matter would now revert back to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

Proposed by Councillor C Nash

Seconded by Councillor T Barrett

RESOLVED to action the above proposal (11 in favour, 2 abstentions)

2021/011

ITEM 11 – Appointment of Leader, Deputy Leader and Shadow Leader of the Council

Election of Leader of Skipton Town Council

Councillor A Hickman

Proposed by Councillor W Feather

Seconded by Councillor R Judge

(8 votes in favour)

Councillor T Barrett

Proposed by Councillor J Dawson

Seconded by Councillor G Bell

(7 votes in favour)

RESOLVED that Councillor A Hickman is appointed Leader of Skipton Town Council.

Election of Deputy Leader of Skipton Town Council

Councillor E Jaquin

Proposed by Councillor T Barrett

Seconded by Councillor J Dawson

(7 votes in favour)

Councillor P Madeley

Proposed by Councillor W Feathers

Seconded by Councillor D Shaw

(7 votes and pursuant to LGS 1972, ss15 (5) and 34(5) the Mayor used her casting vote)

RESOLVED that Councillor P Madeley is appointed Deputy Leader of Skipton Town Council.

Election of Shadow Leader of Skipton Town Council

Councillor T Barrett

Proposed by Councillor J Dawson

Seconded by Councillor P Madeley

RESOLVED that Councillor T Barrett is appointed Shadow Leader of Skipton Town Council

2021/012

ITEM 12 – Appointment of Standing committees, Chairman's and Vice Chairman's.

Proposed by Councillor J Dawson

Seconded by Councillor D Shaw

RESOLVED that pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, s102, Skipton Town Council discharges some of its functions to the following committees, Audit and Scrutiny Committee, Finance and Policy Committee, Planning Committee, Public Services Committee, Events and Tourism Committee and Market Committee. This Committees may be subject to change and review during the Council year. Scope and Terms of Reference for each committee will be adopted at the first meeting held. *(Unanimous)*

Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Members; Cllr G Bell, Cllr S Bentley, Cllr J Dawson, Cllr R Mahmood, Cllr T Barrett.

Proposed by Cllr C Nash, Seconded by Cllr T Barrett

RESOLVED that **Cllr Dawson** is appointed **Chairman of this Committee** *(Unanimous)*

Proposed by Cllr P Madeley, Seconded by Cllr K McIntyre

RESOLVED that **Cllr R Mahmood** is appointed **Vice Chairman of this Committee.** *(Unanimous)*

Finance and Policy

Members; Cllr R Judge, Cllr P Madeley, Cllr K McIntyre, Cllr E Jaquin, Cllr R Hesletine, Cllr C Nash, Cllr A Solloway, Cllr W Feather, Cllr D Painter

Proposed by Councillor W Feathers, Seconded by Councillor P Madeley

RESOLVED that **Cllr A Hickman** is appointed **Chairman of this Committee.** *(Unanimous)*

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, Seconded by Councillor W Feathers

RESOLVED that **Cllr P Madeley** is appointed **Vice Chairman of this Committee.** *(9 votes in favour)*

Planning Committee

Members; Cllr G Bell, Cllr E Jaquin, Cllr C Nash, Cllr D Shaw, Cllr T Barrett

Proposed by Cllr D Shaw, Seconded by Cllr D Painter

RESOLVED that **Cllr T Barrett** is appointed **Chairman of this Committee.**

Proposed by Cllr P Madeley, Seconded by Cllr D Painter

RESOLVED that **Cllr G Bell** is appointed **Vice Chairman of this Committee.**

Public Services Committee

Members; Cllr R Judge, Cllr E Jaquin, Cllr R Hesletine, Cllr C Nash, Cllr S Bentley, Cllr J Dawson, Cllr T Barrett, Cllr A Hickman, Cllr D Shaw, Cllr McIntyre, Cllr D Painter

Proposed by Cllr P Madeley, Seconded by Cllr J Dawson

RESOLVED that **Cllr E Jaquin** be appointed **Chairman of this Committee.** (Unanimous)

Proposed by Cllr P Madeley, Seconded by Cllr D Shaw

RESOLVED that **Cllr D Painter** be appointed **Vice Chairman of this Committee.** (4 Abstentions)

Events and Tourism Committee

Members; Cllr P Madeley, Cllr K McIntyre, Cllr R Hesletine, Cllr T Barrett, Cllr A Solloway, Cllr W Feather, Cllr S Bentley, Cllr R Judge, Cllr R Mamood.

Proposed by Cllr P Madeley, Seconded by Cllr D Shaw

RESOLVED that **Cllr W Feather** is appointed **Chairman of this Committee.** (10 Votes in favour)

Proposed by Cllr D Shaw, Seconded by Cllr D Painter

RESOLVED that **Cllr R Mahmood** is appointed **Vice Chairman of this Committee.** (13 Votes in favour)

Market Committee

Members; Cllr P Madeley, Cllr R Hesletine, Cllr G Bell, Cllr C Nash, Cllr S Bentley, Cllr J Dawson, Cllr D Shaw

Proposed by Cllr P Madeley, Seconded by Cllr D Shaw

RESOLVED that **Cllr P Madeley** is appointed **Chairman of this Committee.** (13 Votes)

Proposed by Cllr P Madeley, Seconded by Cllr R Judge

RESOLVED that **Cllr D Shaw** is appointed **Vice Chairman of this Committee.** (12 Votes)

It was at this stage of the meeting a member of the public was invited to speak. It was advised that they hoped any future investigations that are carried out with Skipton Town Council would prove fruitful and they hoped that the relationship between the Town Council and Skipton BID would not continue.

The Chairman then closed the public participation and the Council meeting reconvened.

2021/013

ITEM 13 – Schedule of Meetings

This was received and noted

2021/014

ITEM 14 – Tarn Moor Estate

Proposed by Councillor R Heseltine

Seconded by Councillor C Nash

RESOLVED that Councillor K McIntyre was appointed trustee for the Tarn Moor Estate.

2021/015

ITEM 15 – Heap Parkinson Homes and appointment of Representatives on outside bodies.

It was decided to adjourn this item to the next meeting.

2021/016

ITEM 16 – Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Please see earlier item

2021/017

To receive notification of matters that members would like including on a future agenda

It was requested for an update regarding the Luke Mortimor and foundation money and for this to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

The Clerk should be given seven clear days' notice of items for the Agenda of the next meeting although the absolute statutory minimum notice period is 3 clear days.

The Date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Thursday 19th
November 2020 at 7.00pm

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